products in the form of attractive schemes;

(b) if so, what steps would be taken to make this department more efficient;

(c) the details of comparative statement of the various similar products of the major ten airlines of the world; and

(d) what steps would be taken to make Air India more profitable?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Various schemes launched by Air India have been considered successful.

(c) It is not possible to draw such a comparison because of dissimilarities in products or major airlines of the world.

(d) To improve its financial performance, Air India is taking steps to intensify its marketing efforts, augment capacity, reduce non-operating costs and to improve its product, image and on-time performance.

Per capita amount spent on medicines in Tamil Nadu

3531. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita amount spent on medicines in the rural areas in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase this limit; and

(c) the total expenditure borne by Government as a result therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The medicines at Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres are supplied by the State Governments. The Central Govt. provides financial assistance of Rs. 2000/- per annum to the State Governments for medicines for one Sub-centres, which caters to the needs of about 5000 population in plain areas and 3000 in tribal/hilly areas.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Financial assistance is being provided for 97,557 sub-centres by the Central Government in the whole of country.

Branches of different Indian banks in foreign countries

3532. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of different Indian banks in the country and their location thereof;

(b) the number of branches of foreign banks in the country and their location thereof;

(c) whether all Indian Banks functioning in the foreign countries are earning profit; and

(d) if so, the details of the performance of those banks during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Details of branches of different Indian Banks abroad and locations thereof are given in the enclosed Statement-I. (*See* below).

(b) Details of branches of foreign banks in the country and locations thereof are given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) & (d) A statement showing the profit earned/loss incurred by overseas branches of Indian Banks is placed at Annexure. [*See Appendix 178, Annexure No. 82]*